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Mobile MRI proposed for Catawba, Burke and Caldwell counties

RALEIGH – Carolina Orthopaedic Specialists has filed an application with the Certificate of Need Section of the N.C. Division of Health Service Regulation to acquire and operate a \$1.6-million mobile MRI scanner and transporting trailer.

A public hearing for this project has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Dec. 9 at Gaston Community College, Lincoln Campus, 3rd Floor, Room 310, 511 South Aspen St., Lincolnton

The proposed mobile MRI scanner will to provide service at four Carolina Orthopaedic Specialists medical offices located in Hickory, Newton, Morganton and Lenoir. Mobile MRI services are currently being provided to Carolina Orthopaedic Specialists through an agreement with Alliance Imaging.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than Dec. 1 at the following address:

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